

Senate Bill 344
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Presented by Paul Sihler
House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Paul Sihler, Field Services Division Administrator with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here on behalf of the Director in support of SB 344.

This bill is the result of amendments we worked with the sponsor on for SB155, but couldn't get to fit within the title of SB155. We appreciate Senator Vincent being willing to work with us on this, and are supportive of this bill. It will add another step of public involvement associated with potential land acquisitions that will help to ensure FWP considers all relevant issues in our environmental analyses associated with those projects, and should make those analyses better and more comprehensive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.